

**GOVERNOR'S
ARCHAEOLOGY ADVISORY COMMISSION (AAC)
Arizona State Parks
1300 West Washington St.
Phoenix, Arizona
Basement Board Conference Room
Thursday, November 18th, 2010**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair, Charles Adams, called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM.

Commissioners Present:

Charles Adams, Chair
Connie Stone, Vice Chair
Jim Ayres
Donna Ruiz y Costello
Margerie Green
Chris Downum

Commissioners Not Present:

J. Andrew Darling
Duane Hubbard

State Historic Preservation Office Staff Present:

Jim Garrison, State Historic Preservation Officer
Carol Griffith, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Ann Howard, Public Archaeology Programs Manager
Jim Cogswell, Archaeological Compliance Specialist
Joseph Roth, Administrative Assistant III

Guests Present:

Nicole Armstrong-Best, Volunteer Coordinator, Arizona State Parks

A. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

1. Roll Call of Members and State Historic Preservation Office Staff

The Chair requested a roll call of the members and asked SHPO staff members to introduce themselves.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review and Approval of Minutes from the September 16, 2010 Meeting.

The Commission members received a copy of the minutes for review prior to meeting (via e-mail).

Proposed Changes:

- Page 1, under "Commissioners Not Present," remove "Chris Downum."
- Page 2, under b-1, Title: replace "February 22nd," with "April 22nd."
- Page 4, under #1, end of first paragraph, replace "Freeman-Macmoran" with "Freeport McMoran."

- Page 4, under #1, last sentence, replace “this year poster” with “this year’s poster.”
- Page 6, under E, first sentence, replace “federak” with “federal.”

MOTION: Jim Ayres made a motion to accept the minutes with these changes. The motion was seconded by Chris Downum and passed unanimously.

C. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Finalization and Approval (by vote) on the New Three Year Plan (Plan).

The Commission reviewed and discussed the draft Plan and made minor technical changes.

MOTION: Connie Stone made a motion to adopt the new Three Year Plan with the discussed changes. Margerie Green seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

1. Discussion of Progress on Report Detailing Impacts to Cultural Resources on the Border and Related Policy Recommendations.

The Commission is preparing a policy paper on archaeological issues related to International Border (Border); this document will address recommendations for future management that is focused on the protection of cultural resources. After discussion, it was decided that additional research was needed prior to generation of the paper.

The Committee reported that they met with the four southern tribes on October 15, 2010 to listen to their concerns regarding Border issues. Issues that the tribes identified included increased crime and vandalism, a lack of sensitivity from the Border Patrol, and continuing problems with cross-Border access after fence construction.

Carol Griffith suggested that the Committee speak with SHPO staff regarding ongoing projects along the Border, and also with Patience Patterson, Archaeologist for the US Border Patrol.

2. Update and Discussion on the Protection of Historical and Archaeological State Parks that will be Closing or have been Closed.

The Hopi Tribal Council approved \$123,000 in funding to re-open Homolovi Ruins State Park. It is hoped that the partnership agreement will be signed in March.

The Agreement for opening Lyman Lake is currently under review by the County. Lyman Lake State Park has many archaeological sites, including Rattlesnake Point, a prehistoric habitation site that has been interpreted for the public.

4. Call for New Action Items for Committee

No new action items.

5. Schedule Next Committee Meeting.

None scheduled.

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. Update on 2011 Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month (AAHAM).

The theme of AAHAM is: "Arizona Through Time: Stories of Stone." A design contest for the poster was held by SHPO and a prize of \$250 was awarded to Reese Cook for the winning design. Salt River Project (SRP) will be turning the design into a formal poster and will cover the cost of printing 3,000 copies of the finished poster. The statewide Listing of Events brochure is currently being compiled and will be designed by SRP; the printing costs will be covered by a donation from Arizona Public Service.

The 2011 Archaeology Expo will be held at the Deer Valley Rock Art Center on March 26-27. A grant application was sent to Freeport-MacMoran; however, the results will not be available until December.

2. Discussion of the 2011 Awards in Public Archaeology.

The 2011 Awards in Public Archaeology will be awarded in a luncheon ceremony at the 2011 Historic Preservation Conference (at the University Marriott in Tucson), on Friday June 24, 2011. Information and nomination forms are available online and are due by April 1, 2011. SHPO will solicit nominations via the various archaeology community list serves and newsletters, as well as through e-mail. If the funding is available, SHPO may also mail out the Call for Nominations and Nomination Forms.

3. Discussion and Update on Site Steward Program Activities.

Carol Griffith reported that the Site Steward assistant, Ruth Williams, would be out for a predetermined amount of time, and they are currently looking to hire a temporary person.

Program agreements (IGAs and ISAs) are in the process of being renewed with various Program partners.

The Site Steward Annual Meeting will be held on April 2, 2011, at Catalina State Park. It will be a joint meeting with the Arizona State Parks volunteer program and will feature recognitions and awards for deserving Site Stewards and Land Managers/Program Partners.

4. Report from the Avocational Archaeological Community (by Donna Ruiz y Costello).

The Agua Fria Chapter of AAS is continuing the Calderwood Archaeological Site Lab project and is in the process of documenting all the artifacts.

The new Board of the Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument is working on a Centennial project involving the history of Perry Mesa.

5. Call for New Action Items for the Committee.

It was decided that the Committee would assist the SHPO in the generation of the State's "100 Archaeologists List" for the Arizona Centennial celebration. Carol Griffith has started the List and will get a copy of it to Chuck Adams.

6. Schedule Next Committee Meeting.

None scheduled.

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY COMMITTEE

1. Discussion and Update on Development of SHPO-sponsored Standards for In-field Analysis of Prehistoric Artifacts.

A summary of the survey results was distributed to the Commission for review and discussion. It was suggested that the SHPO should send out a letter to the Archaeology Community that briefly discusses the survey results and states that no decisions or recommendations will be made at this time. The purpose of the letter would be to put to close the analysis of this issue by the Commission, as well as to allow SHPO to thank those that contributed their input.

MOTION: Margerie Green made a motion to have SHPO draft a letter that would be distributed from the SHPO. The Motion was seconded by Jim Ayres, and passed unanimously.

2. Report on the Business of the Governor's AZSITE Advisory Committee.

A meeting is scheduled with Rick Karl at ASM on December 17, 2010 to discuss the creation of a raw materials layer in the AZSITE database.

3. Commission Involvement at the 2011 Historic Preservation Conference.

A pre-conference workshop will be sponsored by the Commission and will be entitled: "Introduction to Prehistoric Analysis in Arizona." The workshop will address the analysis of prehistoric ceramics, lithics, archaeobotanical remains, faunal specimens, and shell artifacts. The private consulting firm of Archaeological Consulting Services, Ltd., under the direction of Commission member Margerie Green, will undertake this workshop.

4. Call for New Action Items for the Committee.

None.

5. Schedule Next Committee Meeting.

None scheduled.

D. SHPO REPORT

A. SHPO Staffing

SHPO recently welcomed a new compliance archaeologist, Jim Cogswell, to help with the understaffed office. Even with the new addition, SHPO is still short one, full-time compliance position, as well as a GIS person, in addition to several interns. However, BLM has secured \$5,000 for an intern/temporary employee.

B. Review and Compliance

The PG&E Topock Remediation Project Programmatic Agreement has been signed, but the Tribes did not sign it. Other sensitive and/or controversial projects include the ongoing Wellton-Mohawk Title Transfer Project, the

International Border fence projects, permit renewal for the observatory facilities at Mt. Graham, a solar field at Luke Air Force Base, and other alternative fuel projects throughout the state.

C. National Register Update

The Tempe Butte nomination was approved by HSRC at the meeting held on November 5, 2010. During that meeting, 21 nominations were approved.

D. Legislative Issues

There is proposed legislation for full federal funding of \$150 million dollars for the Historic Preservation Fund, which would be tied with the Lake & Water Conservation Fund; although the White House supports full funding, the bill appears to be dead.

The initiative by the Legislature to tap the Growing Smarter Fund was defeated by voters.

E. Arizona Centennial

There are currently 86 registered Centennial Projects including the 5 "C's" Museum, commemorative copper rifles, and a commemorative motorcycle dubbed the "Copper Chopper."

The City of Phoenix is also working on improvements to Washington Street between the Capitol and downtown Phoenix, which includes renaming the street as "Centennial Way."

F. Statewide Historic Preservation Partnership Conference & TCP Conference Update

The theme of this year's conference is "Valuing Historic Perspectives." It will be held in Tucson on June 22 - 24.

G. Training Opportunities and Updates

Carol Griffith distributed brochures for upcoming NPI training classes.

H. State Agency Compliance with the State Historic Preservation Act

SHPO is still compiling data from the submitted Agency surveys; the report is about halfway done due to late, incoming information.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

F. CALL FOR NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

No new agenda items.

G. SET DATE FOR NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

The Commission agreed that the next meeting would be on Thursday, February 10, at 10:00 am at Arizona State Parks in Phoenix. The Commission also scheduled a following meeting for May 12, 2011.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair called for adjournment at 12:15 PM.

Minutes prepared by:

Joseph Roth, Administrative Secretary, State Historic Preservation Office
Ann Valdo Howard, Public Archaeology Programs Manager, SHPO